

Amendments to the Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1 before the title.

In the English translation document, please amend the title at page 1 line 3-4, as follows:

**METHOD FOR ~~SUBSTITUTIVE CONNECTION~~ SUBSTITUTE SWITCHING OF
SPATIALLY SEPARATED SWITCHING SYSTEMS**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 6, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051937, filed August 27, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10358338.6 DE filed December 12, 2003, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 6, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method for substitutive switching of spatially separated switching systems.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 6, after the newly added FIELD OF INVENTION section, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 19, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

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In the English translation document, please delete the paragraph at page 1 line 33 – page 2 line 1.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 1, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 13, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--